

The Tincklarian Doctor Mitchel's strange and Wonderful Discourse to the Witches and Warlocks in Calder



GENTLEMEN,

YE know I have been an useful Man in my Time, I studied Night and Day to give you Light. Sometimes I wrote to make you Merry, and sometimes I wrote to make you Sad, (*because there is a time to be Merry, and a time to be Sad*) says, *Solemon*. And now I am turning Old & Gray-Headed & I am going to leave you, this is my last show in *Scotland*, and I shall say, as *Samuel* said, *Whom have I wronged or oppressed? or from whom have I received any Bribe to blind mine Eyes, I shall restore it three Fold?* But they that have wronged and oppressed me their Names and Properties would take up many *Folios*. Altho' I be envy'd both by the Magistrates and Ministers, they dare not challenge a Lie in all my 40 Books, They say all the Truth should not be told, but they have neither Scripture nor Reason on their Side. They say I should not meddle with the Scriptures, but I say it is only the like of me that should meddle with them, because I understand some of them. I have explained both God's first Words to Men after the *Fall*, & Christ's last Words to them at the Day of Judgement, and made them both to agree to on Sense, which they could never do. All the Divinity that ever I wrot it was for advancing Christ's Kingdom, and to destroy the Devil's I shall appeal to the King and *British* Parliament for the Truth of it. But before I appeal to the Ministers of *Scotland*, I will rather appeal to *Balaam's* Ass, all the Words that she spoke were Truth, but not one of them can say that of their's, and I lay that to them as *Balaam's* Ass said to him, *what have I done?* *Balaam* said, *if he had a Sword he would stick his Ass*, and I think if they had a Sword [that is Power] they had stuck me long ago. Many Time they have stuck me with their Tongues, they desire none to be among them wiser than themselves, that is clear ye see by the Envy that the Priests had against the Apostles. That is Natural to them, and ye may see their Envy against me, I went to *Calder* the 14th, Day of *January*. 1720 before Day Light, long 8 Miles in ill weather fasting on my foot, I took the sword of the Spirit at my Breast and a small Wand in my Hand as *David* did, when he went out to Fight against *Goliath*. So I went to cast the Devil out off my Lord *Tarphichan's* Son. So ye see that I was not Lying in my Letter that I wrot to *Tillshem*, when I said *Peter* and I were two bold Felows. When I went to his House, his Servants were Eating and Drinking, altho' he had appointed it to be a Fast Day, in order to get the Devil out of his House. I do think they might have fasted until the Sermon was over upon such a weighty Business. And they offer'd me some, but I took neither Meat nor Drink of his. Some think it a Fast Day when they hear a Minister Preach for the payment,

Then I went to my Lord, and said, I was sent by GOD to come to cast out the Devil out of his Son by Faith in Christ, he seem'd to be like that Lord, who had the Charge of the Gate of *Samaria*.

Then I said to him, my Lord do ye not believe me, then he bad me go and Speak to many Ministers that was near by him; But I said I was not sent to them. Then he went himself and Spoke to them, what I said; but they would not hear of it, more then *Lot's* good Sons would hear him. There was Envy like *John's*, when he forbid the Man to cast out Devils. So I went to Three Witches and a Warlock to Examine them in sundry Places. Two of them Denied, and two of them Confessed. I have not room here to Relate all down that I said to them, and what they said, But I ask'd when they took on in that Service, The Wife said, many Years, and the Man said, it was Ten Years to him.

Then I asked the Wife, what was her Reason to take on with the Devil? and (she said,) He promised her Riches, and she believed him; and then she called him many a Cheat and Liar in my Hearing. Then I went to the Man, because he was a great Professor, and could talk of Religion with any of the Parish, [as they that was his Neighbours said] and he was at *Boibel Bridge* fighting against the King, and because of that, I desired to ask Questions at him; But My Lord's Officer said to me, His Lord would not allow me, but I said, I would not be hindered, neither by My Lord, nor by the Devil, before many there present. Then I asked, what Iniquity he found in God that he left His Service? Then he got up and said, O Sir, are ye the Minister? So ye see, the Devil knows me to be a Minister better then the Magistrates) & he said, he found no Fault in God, but his Wife beguiled him. And he said, Wo be to the Woman his Wife, & blamed her only, as *Adam* did his Wife. And the Wife blamed the Devil, so ye see it is so from the Beginning. This is a Caution to us all, never to harke to our Wives, except they have Scripture on their side. Then I asked at him, did he

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expect Heaven: Yer. (said he.) Then I asked, what Ground or Right he expected Heaven? He said by the great Mercies of GOD, but he spake nothing of CHRIST. Then I understood, his Hope would perish as the Hypocrites, it is only by Faith in JESUS CHRIST, by Vertue of His precious Blood, by acting precious Faith upon His precious Promises, that any Man will get Salvation. These three things are called Precious, and besides them, there is nothing worthy of the Name. Then I asked at him, if he could command the Devil to come to speak to me? but [he said] No. Then I said again, call for him that I may speak with him. He said, again It was not in his Power. Then My Lord sent more Servants, that hindered me to ask any more Questions, otherwise I might have seen the Devil, and I would have Spoken about his Son.

But his Son will be delivered, GOD told me Twice that Morning before I went out, I opened the Bible and my Eyes was cast on these Words, *The LORD will Deliver us.* Then I lay'd by the Book with Joy, and near half an Hour after I took the Bible again, and my Eyes lighted upon the same Words, I closed the Book again with Joy and was Assured. But I do not know where that Scripture lyes, but I know it is in the Old Testament. If any Person desires to hear what the LORD will say to them, they must go to the Bible, that is the way HE Speaks to us in our Days, And them that get Faith to believe the Scriptures, it is as easie to them to cast out Devils, as it was to the first to cast out *Jonah*. Let all the World observe *Jonah's* Prayer in the Fish, there is no miracle in it, but he Acts Faith all along, stronger and stronger; He Prayed as he had been Delivered, and not to be Delivered; By his Faith the Fish could keep him no longer. I give you Two Reasons in Great Mr. Law's Letter, how I could cast out Devils, And here is another Reason, and them that believes the Scripture cannot deny it. It is only by Faith, therefore every one of us should seek after it. The last Letter I wrot to *Tillibewnie*, the ignorant Persons said, *There was Lies in it*; Because I said, I cut off the Devil's right Lug. Ye know all Believers is Members of CHRIST, so all Witches and Warlocks is Members of the Devil, and when they are cut off, his right Lug is Cut off; It is by them that he Hears, he doth not hear all Things himself, but what they Hear they tell it to him, they have a Correspondence. Say ye it is not I that Cuts them off, it is the Judges. But ye must know that they can do nothing except Providence lay them to their Hand. Do ye not think when I Abuse the Devil in my Books at such a Rate but it makes them cast out among themselves & puts out one another. The Quakers is his Left Lug I told them in a Book I Wrot to the Ignorant People of *Glasgow*, that I would shake his Kingdom, and the Papists is his Right Eye and the Mahomet is his Left Eye. If I had Money as I have Wit, I would Labour to put them both out. It is not in my Power, but the mighty Angel will set his right Foot on the one, and his Left Foot on the other, and then he will never see to do Mischeif in this World. *Rev. 10. 2.* Say ye, I commend my self too much. *Paul*, said, *he was not a wheet behind the chieftest of the Apostles, he laboured more than they did all*, (says he.) Altho' I boast more than all the Ministers in Scotland I need not be ashamed, *2 Cor. 10 and 8.* I have rob'd my self to do you Service, and also other Churches where I might have done more Good, then among you. *2 Cor. 11, and 8.* I have been chargeable to no Man, I have kept my self from being burdensome to you, ver 9. There is no Minister in Scotland dar say that except my self, and if ye keeped your Money as well from them, as ye do from me, ye might go to Hell for many of them.

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The APPLICATION, Let us do some of these Dutys every Hour, that we are commanded in the Scripture, because we know not what Hour our Judge cometh. We should do these things that we would desire to be doing when He comes, then surely it is not the Balls, Comedies and Tragides, that young Women and young Scholars in this City acts, to show their Wit and Parts and Speech. If their Judge come that Hour, they will stand Speechless, as that Man that wanted the Wedding Garment. - Ye must know I have fought against the Devil these many Years, even when the Magistrates and Ministers is against me, these Three are too hard for me, therefore I must be gone, they should not have the like of me amongst them. The Ministers thought of me at *Calder*, as they thought of that Prophet that Anointed *Jehu* to be King, *Wherefore came this Mad Fellow to thee?* (say they.) *2. Kings 9. 11.* I believe it was *Jonah* for he was none of the Wisest, I shall write down eight or nine Scriptures to Justifie my self for going to *Calder* to cast out Devils. *Mark 3. 21.* When his Friends heard of it they went to lay hold on him, they said he was beside himself. *2. Cor. 5. 13.* Whither we be besids our selves it is to GOD. *John 10, 20.* And many of them said he hath a Devil and is mad, why hear ye him? For every Man that is mad and maketh himself a Prophet, that thou shouldest put him in Prison and in the Stocks, *Jer. 29 26.* He was a Prophet, so compare that to the Acts, *16. 24.* Where they put *Paul* and *Silas* in Prison and the Stocks. *Acts 26. 24.* *Festus*, said to *Paul*, much Learning hath made thee Mad. But none can say that of me. *Hosea 9. and 7.* The Prophet is a Fool and the Spiritual Man is Mad. *Isa. 59 and 15.* He that departeth from Evil, maketh himself a Prey. The very Apostles said, the Woman was mad for telling the Truth *Acts 12, and 15.* Those Stoicks said of *Paul*, what will this Babler say? So they say that of me, *Acts 17, 18.*